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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masanobu ASAOKA, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/944,071) Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: September 4, 2001)
For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE-)
FORMING METHOD USING THE)
SAME AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING SUCH)
RECORDING MEDIUM) March 22, 2002

Director, the Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 3 and 4. (Some of the U.S. documents are mentioned on pages 3 and

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30 of the specification.) Applicants have obtained English language computer database abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies. English language counterparts, where readily available, are also enclosed and listed on the Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>GROUP ART UNIT</u> | <u>STATUS</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 09/945,763 | 09/05/2001 | 1771 | pending |
| 09/960,417 | 09/24/2001 | 1771 | pending |

A copy of each of these applications is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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